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Judge Tana Lin

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

AT SEATTLE

DMYTRO KOVALENKO, an individual,

Case No.: 2:22-cv-1578-TL

Plaintiff,

VS.

DECLARATION OF DMYTRO KOVALENKO IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION AND TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

EPIK HOLDINGS, INC., a corporation, and ANONYMIZE, INC., a corporation, and John Does 1 through 5, doing business as www.warsawpoint.com,

Defendants.

- I, Dmytro Kovalenko, declare as follows:
- 1. I make this declaration in support of Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction and Temporary Restraining Order. The following statements are true and correct and, if called upon, I could competently testify to the facts averred herein.
- 2. I am a Ukrainian businessman and currently reside in Monaco. I have engaged in the international trade of coal products for more than 20 years. I am the founder of Adelon AG ("Adelon"), a Swiss company that specializes in the international sale of coal products to a number of countries, including China, South Korea, Ukraine, and within the European Union. I own business entities in addition to Adelon, including but not limited to Polska Grupa Importowa Premium Sp. z o.o. I and my companies work exclusively within the legal framework, taking into account all requirements of local and international law. I have spent decades building a solid and unblemished personal and professional reputation
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in our industry. In connection with both my personal and professional dealings, I maintain bank accounts with major Swiss banks. I am married and have two children.

- 3. While I am a businessman and own various companies, I am not a public figure, either in Ukraine or elsewhere. For example, the websites for my companies do not contain identifying information about me, such as a photograph or biographical information. The website for Adelon does not even mention my name. I do not assert or publish opinions about public controversies or political issues or candidates. I have never run for public office. I do not have any particular influence with politicians or the public at large. I do not broadcast on Twitter. I do not maintain any social media accounts. I am not an entertainer. I do not give broadcast interviews or otherwise assert myself in news and entertainment media. Other than when I am at my office, I am largely anonymous to the public in my day-to-day activities. Strangers do not recognize me on the street. Photographers do not follow me. I am known only in narrow business circles. When I make donations to charitable causes, I do not accept any special public recognition.
- 4. In late January 2022, I learned of an article that had been published on the website www.warsawpoint.com on or around January 29, 2022, titled, "Alexander Kurpetko From Rinat Akhmetov Circle Uses Trafigura Trader to Cover Counterfeit Coal Trade" ("Article"). A copy of the Article is attached as Ex. 1. While the main focus of the Article alleges that Alexander Kurpetko, a coal trader involved in supplying coal to Ukraine with business ties to Rinat Akhmetov, a Ukrainian businessman and the country's richest oligarch, engaged in unlawful coal trading and received related kickbacks, the Article also discusses me. Specifically, it suggests that I am an alleged partner of Kurpetko (maintaining three companies with him) and have been involved in illegal schemes to ship coal into Ukraine out of the Donetsk People's Republic (a disputed entity created by Russia-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine now annexed by Russia) with the assistance of corrupt Russian and Ukrainian officials, thereby causing Ukrainians to overpay for coal.

- 5. Specific excerpts from the Article about me include the following:
 - "This company, like a number of other Ukrainian and foreign companies, is part of the orbit of Dmitry [sic] Kovalenko, a native of Donbass, who, with the help of corrupt Russian and Ukrainian officials, supplies coal to Ukraine under the 'interrupted transit' scheme[.]"
 - "Recall that the more firms involved in the supply chain, the more expensive the final product costs the customer in the end. The final product in our case is electricity, for the production of which coal is used. But various schemers, such as Dmitry [sic] Kovalenko and Alexander Kurpetko, pass this coal through the chain of their firms, each of which winds up its margin. This margin eventually settles in the pockets of the authors of the scheme, but ordinary Ukrainians have to pay this money. Which continue to overpay for coal and electricity. At the same time, the coal that travels under this scheme is mined by the 'DNR.' Knowing Dmitry [sic] Kovalenko's connections in Russia and Ukraine, in law enforcement agencies, he could organize this scheme. And in Ukraine, no one will check it."
- 6. This was not the first time the Article had been published online. It was previously published by a website called 368.media in January 2022. I no longer have a copy of that article. After my international legal counsel ("International Counsel") lodged a complaint with the editor and journalists of that website and demanded deletion of the offensive material (per my request), the Article was removed because the editor and journalists agreed the contents of the Article were false.
- 7. The Article also previously appeared on a website called www.weeklynewsreview.com. A copy of that version is attached as Ex. 2. After International Counsel unsuccessfully demanded removal from that website, a court in Limassol, a city in Cyprus, issued an Interim Order ("Order") in June 2022 directing the defendant to delete the Article from its website, which it has since done. A copy of the Order is attached as Ex. 3.
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- 8. Given the unfounded and defamatory allegations in the Article, on January 29, 2022, upon my direction, International Counsel sent an email to the www.warsawpoint.com website via the contact email address available on its website, demanding immediate removal of the defamatory Article. A copy of that email is attached as Ex. 4. International Counsel also included in their email that the Article was authored by journalists from the website 368.media, and that it appeared that www.warsawpoint.com's journalists had translated the article into English and posted it on the website without taking any steps to verify the information in the Article.
- 9. International Counsel received a response from the www.warsawpoint.com website the following day, a copy of which is attached as Ex. 5. It read, "You should open and read it https://safenote.co/r/6156bd3841354@29857290, if you need our help[.]" International Counsel clicked on the link to open the message and was shocked to read the following:

Hi!

I suppose 0.1 BTC will be enough for the retraction of this article, with or without replacing one the one you'll like, at your choice. Please tell me when you'll be ready for the transaction, I'll delete it. You'll then check and if everything is OK, make the transaction and we'll finish the deal with ambiguous [sic] satisfaction.

A copy of the safe note message is attached as Ex. 6. I understand the reference to "BTC" to refer to a digital currency called Bitcoin. On January 30, 2022, one Bitcoin was valued at approximately \$38,000; thus, 0.1 Bitcoin equated to approximately \$3,800. A copy of that valuation is attached as Ex. 7.

- 10. Upon my instruction, International Counsel conducted a search for www.warsawpoint.com on a website called who.is, which provides registrar information for domain names, which identified Epik Holdings, Inc. ("Epik") as the registrar for that website. Because www.warsawpoint.com uses services provided by Anonymize, Inc., and which
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protect the identity of the website's owner, International Counsel was unable to identify the owner of that particular website.

- 11. After reading the message, I instructed International Counsel to send an email to Epik via an email address located on the latter's website (abuse@epik.com), attaching a letter demanding immediate removal of the Article, and also apprising Epik of the Order International Counsel had previously obtained and which led to the Article being deleted from the www.weeklynewsreview.com website (and including a copy of the Order). A copy of that email and its enclosures are attached as Ex. 8. Per my instruction, International Counsel also included a copy of the message demanding payment for removal of the Article, and apprised Epik that this act constituted unlawful blackmail. Also, per my direction, International Counsel sent the same letter and attachments to the email address it located for Anonymize. A copy of that letter is attached as Ex. 9.
- 12. On September 26, 2022, a Customer Success Representative from Epik responded to International Counsel, informing them that Epik's Support team did not handle abuse complaints "through tickets, chat or phone," and had to be submitted via the company's "formal abuse channel, which is abuse.epik.com." A copy of that response is attached as Ex. 10. However, shortly thereafter on the same day, International Counsel received a message by email from the same Customer Success Representative, which stated as follows: "We've marked this ticket (#249390) as resolved. Not yet? No worries. Just reply back or click the link below and we can continue our dialogue until you are satisfied." A copy of that email is attached as Ex. 10. International Counsel never received a response from Anonymize. Since I engaged U.S. counsel to initiate this lawsuit, that counsel has been in contact with counsel for Epik, who declined to provide information revealing the identity of the individuals who operate the Warsaw Website. A copy of that communication is attached as Ex. 11.
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- 13. The effect of the Article on my personal and professional reputation and business interests has been devastating. In addition to being the subject of contempt and ridicule by colleagues and business partners, business partners have also been avoiding me and refusing to take part in previously agreed meetings, dinners, and business projects. The Article has severely injured my professional reputation and business and financial interests such that both I and the companies I own and operate have suffered.
- 14. For example, at least six companies BS ENERGY Group, Braunschweiger Versorgungs-AG & Co. KG, Veolia Energia Polska S.A., Grupa Azoty, S.A., OT Logistics S.A., and P2 Trading Sp. Z o.o. have, since publication of the Article, refused to enter into business relationships with my companies. Although, upon my instruction, International Counsel sent letters to these companies explaining that the contents of the Article were untrue and defamatory, and that I was engaging in legal efforts to have the offensive material removed (copies of these letters are attached as Ex. 12), the companies would not reconsider their positions.
- 15. Although I discovered the Article in January 2022, various events, including the Russian invasion of Ukraine, have delayed my ability to move for injunctive relief. Once I discovered the Article in late January 2022, I had to find and retain legal counsel in Poland in order to attempt to have the Article removed from www.warsawpoint.com. This engagement required that I exchange relevant information and documents to coordinate with that counsel. Although I instructed Internal Counsel to engage in preliminary efforts directly with the website soon after my discovery of the Article, their efforts were halted upon the Russian invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022.
- 16. Although I am a Ukrainian national, I was not in Ukraine at the time of the invasion; however, many of my family members, friends, and colleagues remained there and my primary concern was to maintain contact with them and work to make arrangements to allow them to relocate out of the war-torn region and to a safe place until the conflict was
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over. To date, I have managed to organize the relocation of more than 20 of my employees from Ukraine with their families to Poland, where I have rented them accommodation and employed them in a company owned by me - Polska Grupa Importowa Premium Sp. z o.o. In addition, I needed to make urgent arrangements to try to save my business in Ukraine; unfortunately, almost all business in Ukraine has been stopped or ceased due to Russian military action against that country. Finally, I have been involved in humanitarian relief activities for Ukrainian war victims since the conflict began.

- While the publication and maintenance of the defamatory Article on www.warsawpoint.com has caused, and continues to cause, damage to my personal and professional reputation and business dealings, I placed these greater issues ahead of my own personal agenda. And although the Russian invasion continues, now that I have been able to deal with some of these more urgent and life-threatening matters, I finally have been able to secure U.S. legal counsel to assist me in initiating this legal proceeding against Defendants.
- 18. While I could simply have yielded to Defendants' extortionist demand and paid them as requested, I opted to address this situation through legal process. Since commencing legal proceedings in conjunction with publication of this false and defamatory Article, I have to date expended many multiples of the extortion demand to attempt to resuscitate my sullied reputation and have the offensive material permanently removed from the internet.
- 19. Attached to this declaration are true and correct copies of the following documents:

Exhibit	Description
No.	
1	Article, "Alexander Kurpetko From Rinat Akhmetov Circle Uses
	Trafigura Trader to Cover Counterfeit Coal Trade," published on
	www.warsawpoint.com on or around January 29, 2022 (printed from
	www.warsawpoint.com website on November 1, 2022)

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2	Article, Alexander Turpetko, Rinat Akhmetov Confidant, Is Spotted In Coal Smuggling Schemes, Messes Trafigura Into It, published on www.weeklynewsreview.com on or around January 29, 2022					
3	Interim Order issued by the District Court of Limassol (in Cyprus) on June 2, 2022, in the matter of Dmytro (Dmitry) Kovalenko, Claimant, against Danesco Trading Limited, Defendant					
4	Email from International Counsel to www.warsawpoint.com dated January 29, 2022					
5	Emails between International Counsel and www.warsawpoint.com dated January 29 and January 30, 2022					
6	Safe note message					
7	Valuation of Bitcoin as of January 30, 2022 (printed from https://convertcryptoto.com/bitcoin/2022-01-30 on November 1, 2022)					
8	Email from International Counsel to Epik dated September 23, 2022 (including attachments)					
9	Letter from International Counsel to Anonymize dated September 26, 2022					
10	Emails from Epik to International Counsel dated September 26, 2022					
11	Emails between U.S. Counsel and Epik's counsel dated November 16 and November 28, 2022					
12	Letter from International Counsel to:					
	 Braunschweiger Versorgungs-AG & Co. KG and Veolia Energia Polska S.A. regarding BS ENERGY Group dated September 28, 2022 (excluding exhibits); 					
	• Grupa Azoty, S.A. dated October 5, 2022 (excluding exhibits);					
	OT Logistics S.A. dated October 5, 2022 (excluding exhibits); and					

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Exhibit No.	Description
	• P2 Trading Sp. Z o.o. dated October 5, 2022 (excluding exhibits)

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America and the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on December 6, 2022.



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Alexander Kurpetko From Rinat Akhmetov Circle Uses Trafigura Trader To Cover Counterfeit Coal Trade

Economics January 29, 2022



The company of businessman Alexander Kurpetko, who worked for the oligarch Rinat Akhmetov, are engaged in illegal coal supplies, hiding behind international traders. The journalists found out about this after investigating the fuel supply scheme to Ukraine.

The key players in the heat generation market of Ukraine, which accounts for up to 30% of the energy produced, are three companies: Rinat Akhmetov's DTEK, Maxim Efimov and Eduard Bondarenko's Donbasenergo, and the state-owned Centrenergo.

For a stable passage of the heating season, PJSC Centrenergo needs 3.5 million tons of coal. As Vladimir Galushchak, a member of the directorate, stated at the beginning of the season, 2 million tons should be supplied by state mines, and the rest will have to be imported. For this purpose, last summer we [PJSC Centrenergo] signed contracts for the import of coal from Poland and the USA through the international trader Trafigura. The sum of these contracts amounted to UAH 1.5 billion! DTEK also uses the services of a trader, which needs to import about 1 million tons of coal.

Cooperation between Rinat Akhmetov and the state is so close here that they divided the first batch of 75 thousand tons of coal bought by a trader from the USA in half. Purchases continue, ships with coal go to Ukraine regularly.



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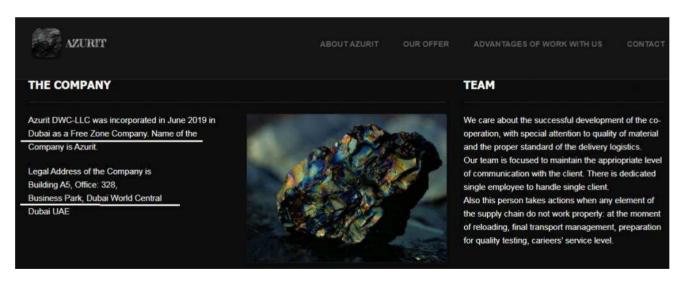
Попри складні погодні умови, 16 січня о 12 годині, в одеському порту «Южний» пришвартувалося судно класу Panamax «W Arcturus» з австралійським енергетичним вугіллям для ПАТ «Центренерго». Обсяг партії складає 79 тис. тонн. Розвантаження триває. Все вугілля партії

29.12.2021

ЦЕНТРЕНЕРГО ЗУСТРІЧАЄ ЧЕРГОВЕ СУДНО З ВУГІЛЛЯМ

ПАТ «Центренерго» продовжує поповнювати запаси палива для потреб електростанцій та підтримки стабільної роботи енергосистеми України у пікові періоди споживання електроенергії. Сьогодні, 29 грудня, о 10-й годині ранку в одеський порт «Южний» прибуло чергове судно класу &

In addition to coal, there is another link between DTEK, Centrenergo and Trafigura – Alexander Kurpetko, who previously managed coal purchases for Akhmetov's Metinvest Holding. Before that, he was responsible for this in the Donetskstal association, and now he is the representative of Trafigura in Ukraine. Back in 2019, in parallel with his main work, Kurpitko founded the firm Azurit DWC-LLC, which is also engaged in trading in the coal market. The company was prudently registered in Dubai, UAE, in the "free zone". Working at Metinvest Holding, Alexander Kurpetko was actually engaged in his own business. To what extent Azurit DWC-LLC is used by Kurpetko in the procurement of coal by Trafigura for Centrenergo now is not reliably known. However, according to unconfirmed information, "kickbacks" received by Kurpetko and his superior Sergey Chernovolenko from Trafigura clients are accumulating here.



It turned out that there are three other firms that are also engaged in coal trading. Thus, it turns out that, using the Trafigura trademark and connections, Kurpetko runs his own coal business. His main partner in Ukraine is Dmitry Kovalenko, an "old-timer of the coal market" of the country.

Actually, in fact, there are more firms, but it is reliably known about three companies of these partners: Coaltraydindustry LLC, Intercoaltrading LLC and Terracone Sp. z o.o. (Poland), concerning which there are documentary confirmations on coal purchases.

The Severodonetsk Coaltreydindustry is registered to the front founder Evgeny Klimenko.



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This company, like a number of other Ukrainian and foreign companies, is part of the orbit of Dmitry Kovalenko, a native of Donbass, who, with the help of corrupt Russian and Ukrainian officials, supplies coal to Ukraine under the "interrupted transit" scheme

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Дата оновлення 18.01.2022 @

Всі Види Діяльності

Місцезнаходження юридичної особи:

Here are the names of several of Kovalenko's companies involved now or in the past in his schemes:

E-mail:

- I-coal,
- Bremer Trading Limited,

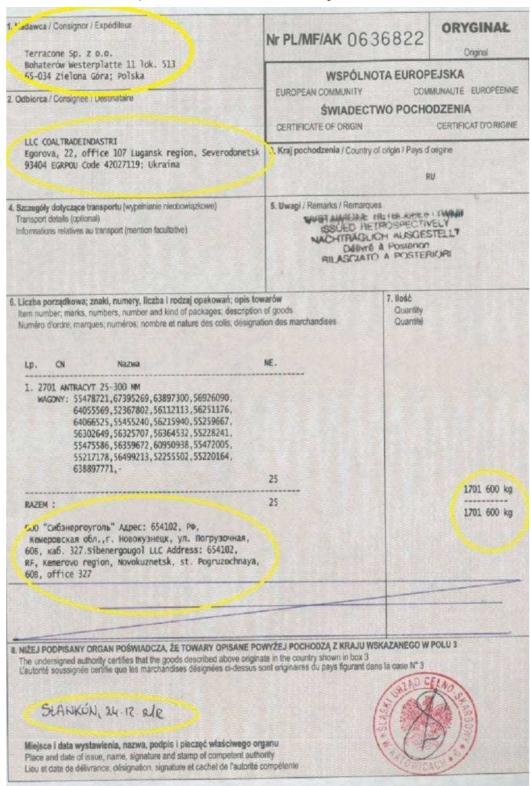
Контактна інформація

- Korner LP.
- Zeades Limited.
- LLC "INTERTRADING GROUP".
- LLC "INTERTRADING SYSTEMS",
- LLC "RIZALT",
- LLC "INTERCOLTRADING",
- LLC "INTERTRADING GROUP S.A."

All the companies are registered to authorized persons and in fact belong to Dmitry Kovalenko. Exports are processed to Moldova, Poland, Romania, Spain and Switzerland, but in fact all wagons are unloaded in Ukraine. Here is an example of the activity of Coaltreydindustry LLC:

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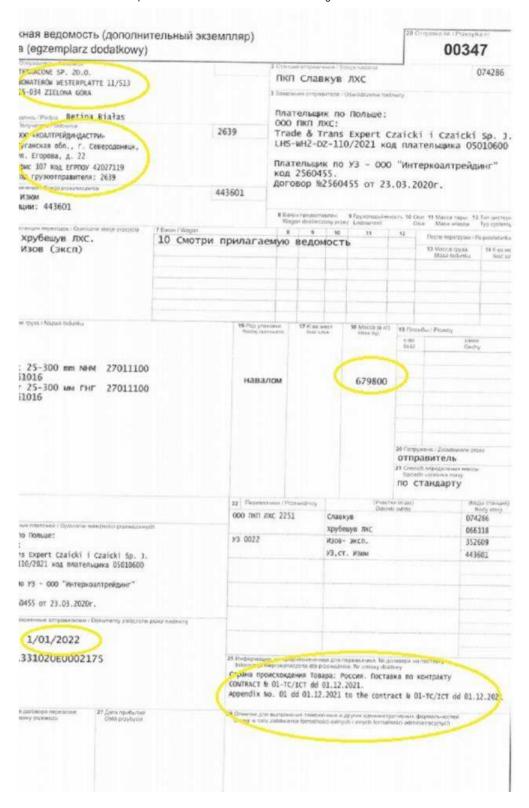
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25 coal wagons weighing 1,701 tons 600 kg were allegedly delivered by the Polish Terracone Sp. z o.o. to the Ukrainian Coaltraydindustry LLC. The origin of coal at the same time is Novokuznetsk. This delivery is not an isolated one. Almost 680 tons of coal "left" Poland for Ukraine in the same way on January 1, 2022. The country of origin is Russia. In both cases, the buyer "Intercoaltrading" from Dnipro.

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It is in this city that all offices and employees of Kovalenko have their actual location.

This LLC is also included in the orbit of Dmitry Kovalenko, the director and founder are the same figureheads as in the previous case. But what is this Terraco Sp. z o.o., which supplies coal from Poland to various Ukrainian companies with similar name

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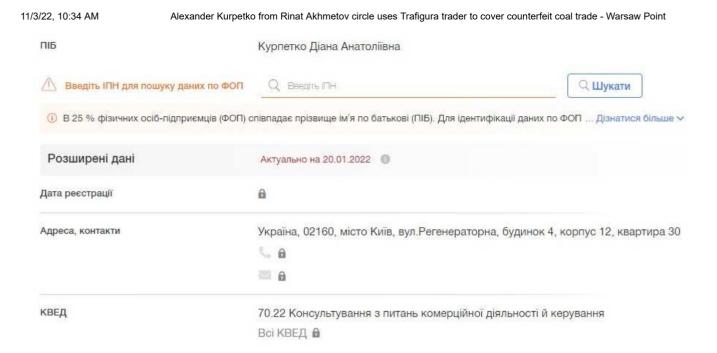
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As of December 27, 2021, the founders of Terraco Sp. z o.o. were three people: Sergey Kisel, Anastasia Karanovich and Diana Kurpetko. It's a familiar name, isn't it? It can also be found in Ukrainian registries.

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The coincidence is not accidental, Diana Kurpetko is the wife of Alexander Kurpetko and in 2021 decided to follow in her husband's footsteps by registering as an entrepreneur.

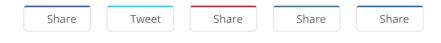
Judging by the QED – "Consulting on commercial activities and management" and by the fact that she is the co-founder of Terracone Sp. z o.o., which supplies coal, it can be assumed that Diana Kurpetko decided to become an independent consultant on the coal market of Ukraine.

However, let's return directly to Alexander Kurpetko. As already mentioned, he is very adept at using the name and reputation of the employer to his advantage. So it was with Metinvest and Donetskstal, and so it is with Trafigura.

In principle, there would be nothing terrible – these are private firms, let their owners deal with it. If it is acceptable for them that part of the money goes into the pockets of an employee, then this is their decision. But there is one "but", and it is very significant.

Every citizen of Ukraine will pay for the coal that Kurpetko sells. Because it uses generated electricity. And in the case of Centrenergo, the fee will be double. And part of this coal was supplied to her by Kurpetko, who, according to our information, has close friendly relations with Shavlokhov Zaur, responsible for coal purchases at DTEK, who acted as an intermediary between the state-owned Centrenergo and Trafigura trader.

Recall that the more firms involved in the supply chain, the more expensive the final product costs the consumer in the end. The final product in our case is electricity, for the production of which coal is used. But various schemers, such as Dmitry Kovalenko and Alexander Kurpetko, pass this coal through the chain of their firms, each of which winds up its margin. This margin eventually settles in the pockets of the authors of the scheme, but ordinary Ukrainians have to pay this money. Which continue to overpay for coal and electricity. At the same time, the coal that travels under this scheme is mined by the "DNR". Knowing Dmitry Kovalenko's connections in Russia and Ukraine, in law enforcement agencies, he could organize this scheme. And in Ukraine, no one will check it.





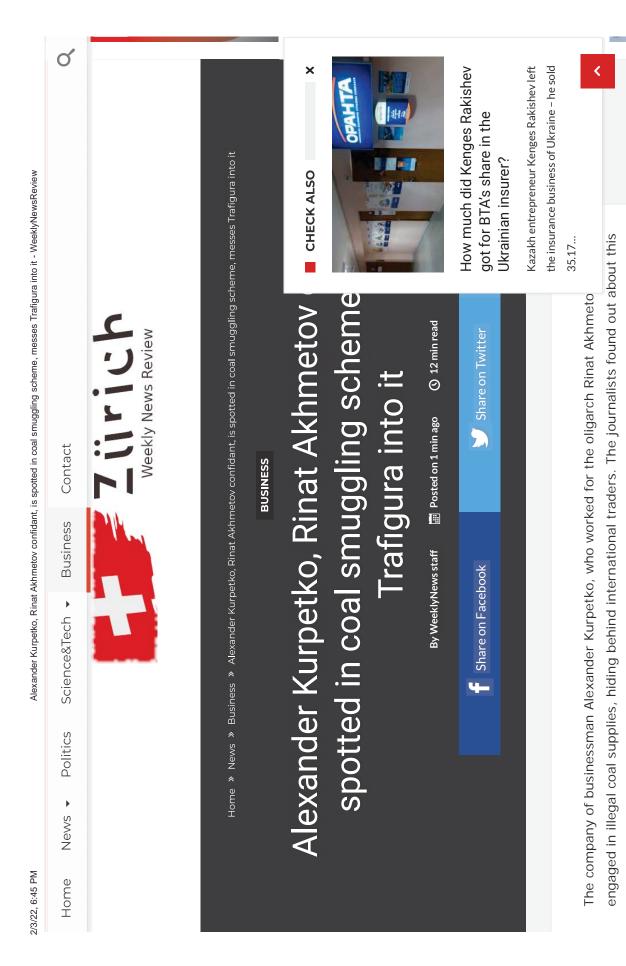
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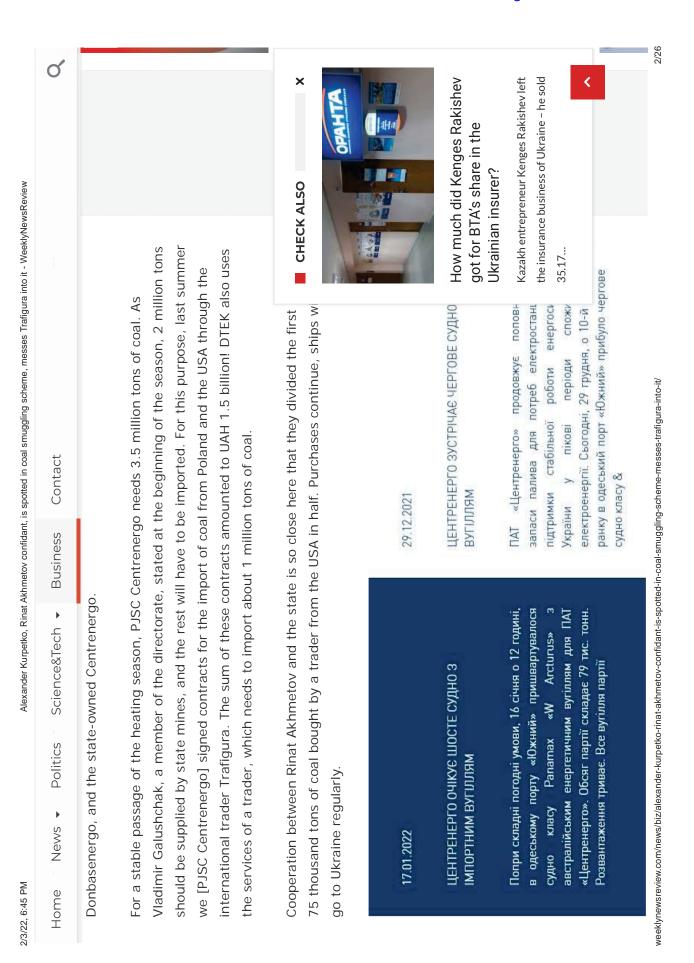
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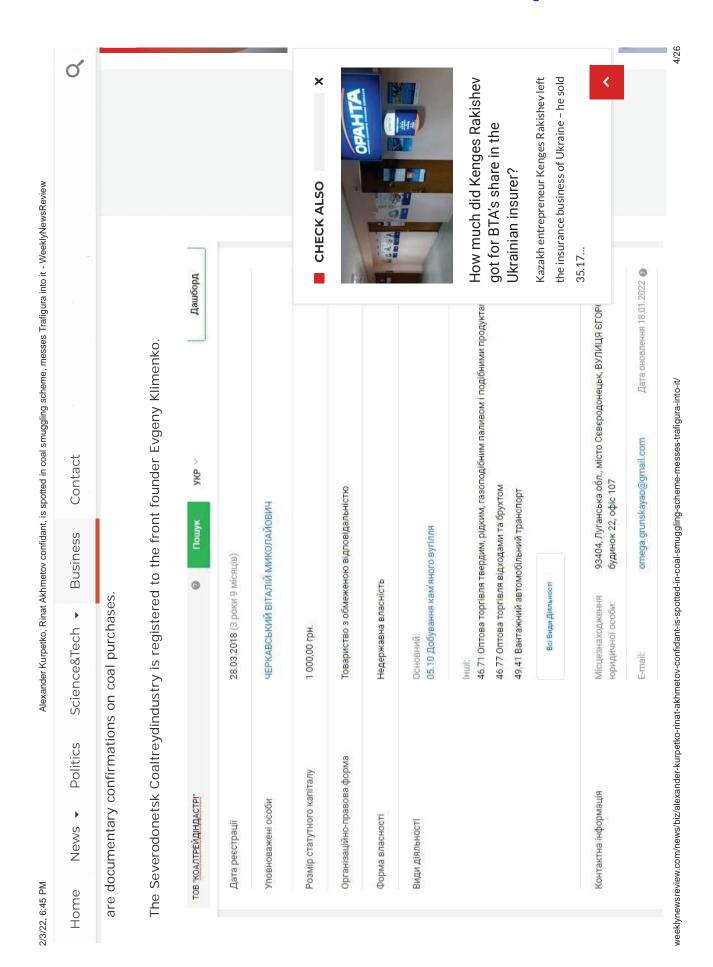
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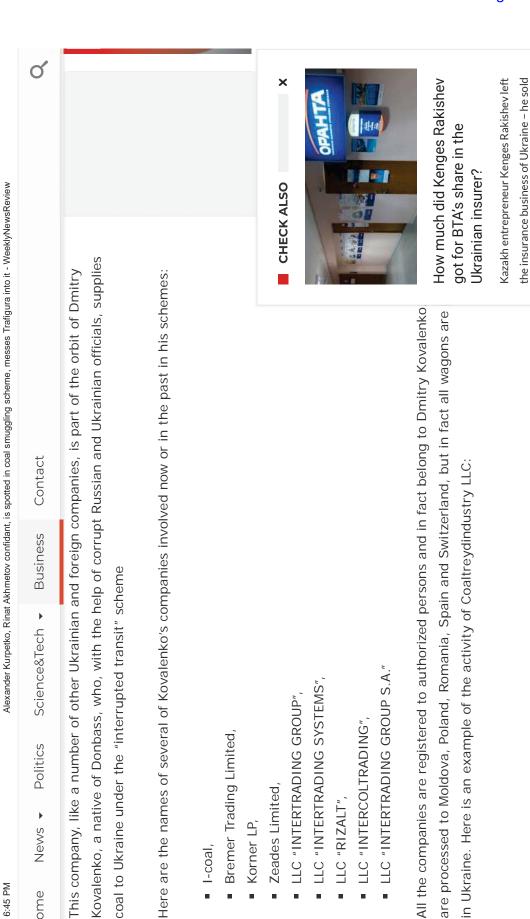
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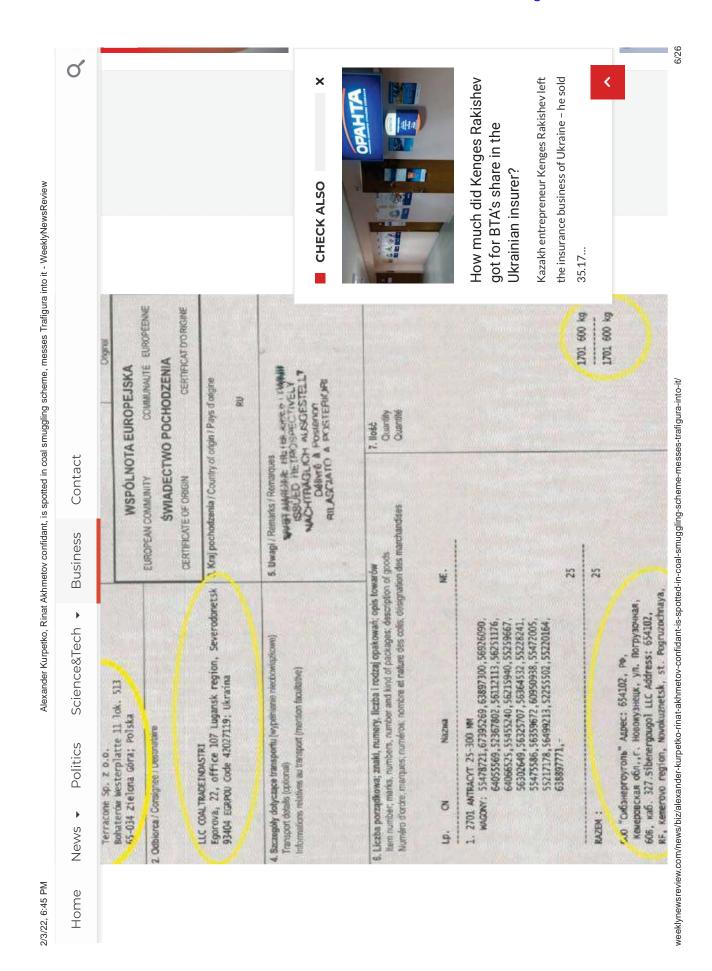
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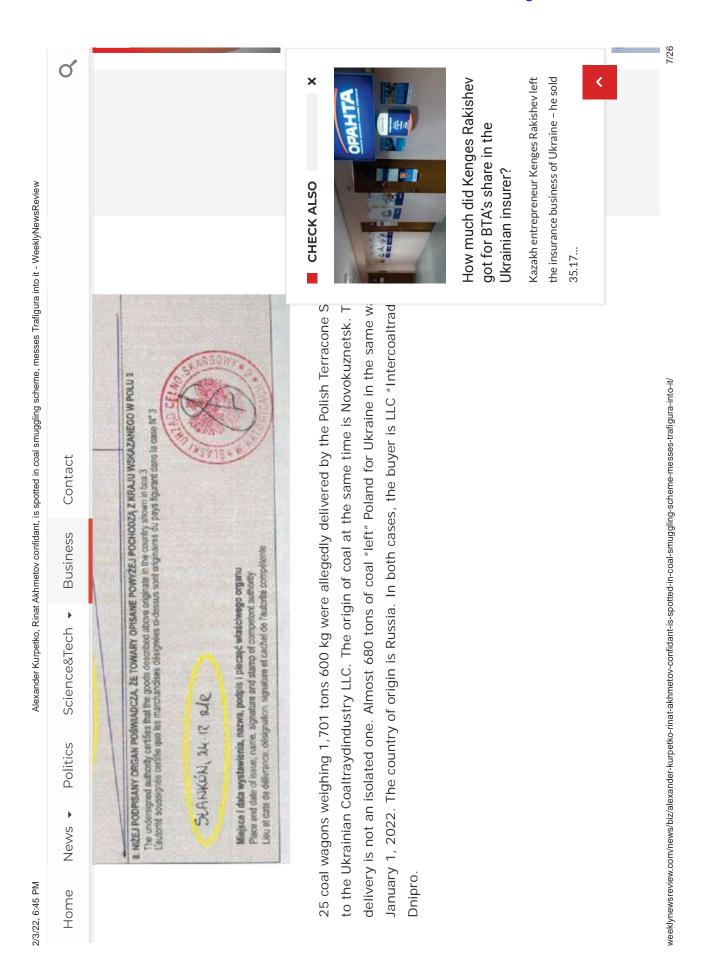
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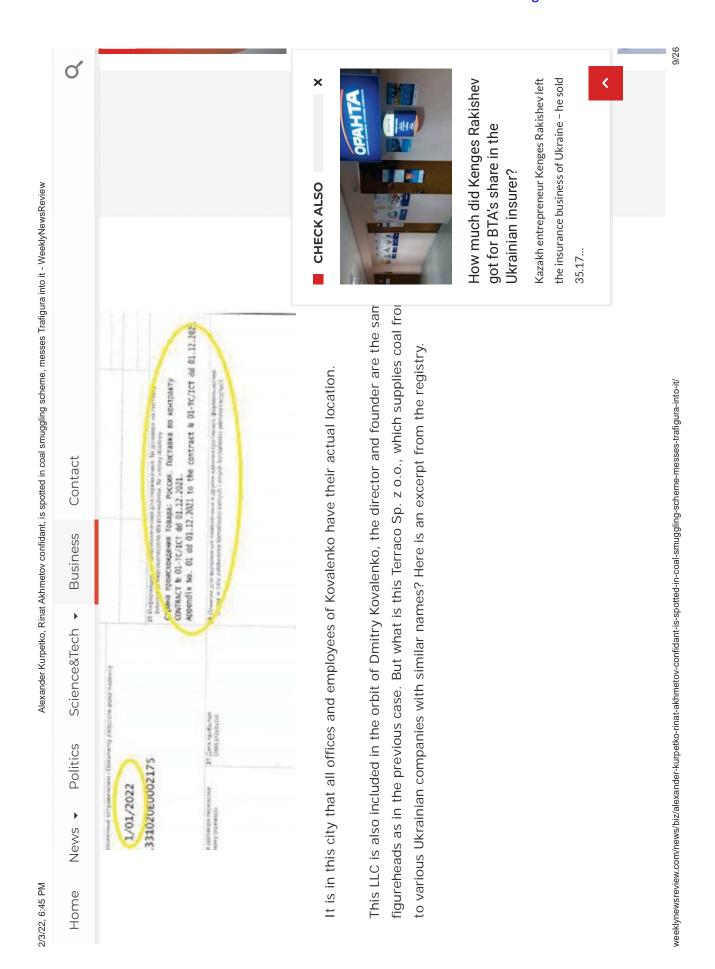
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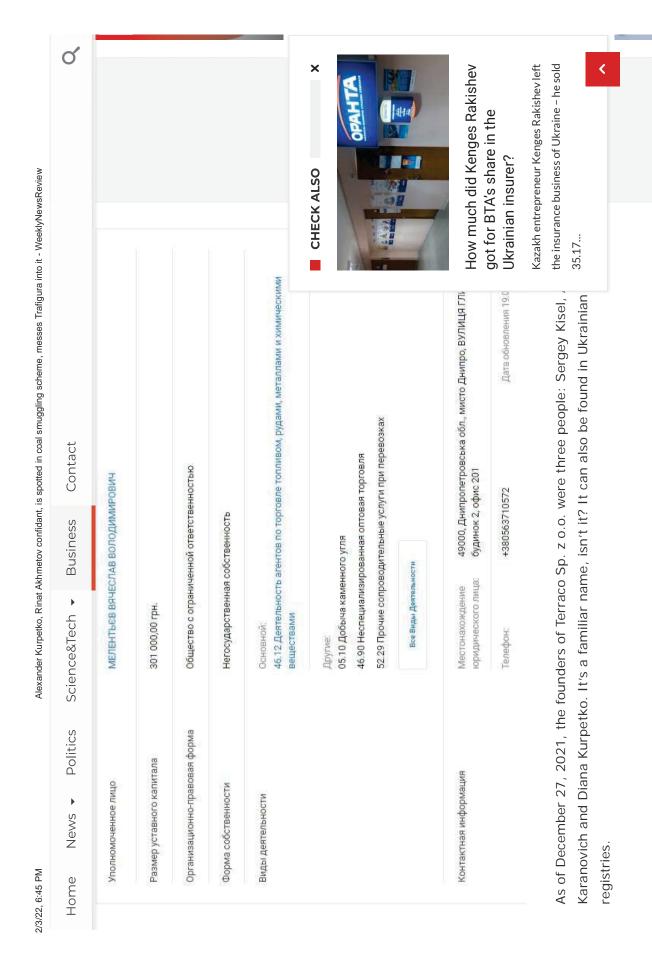
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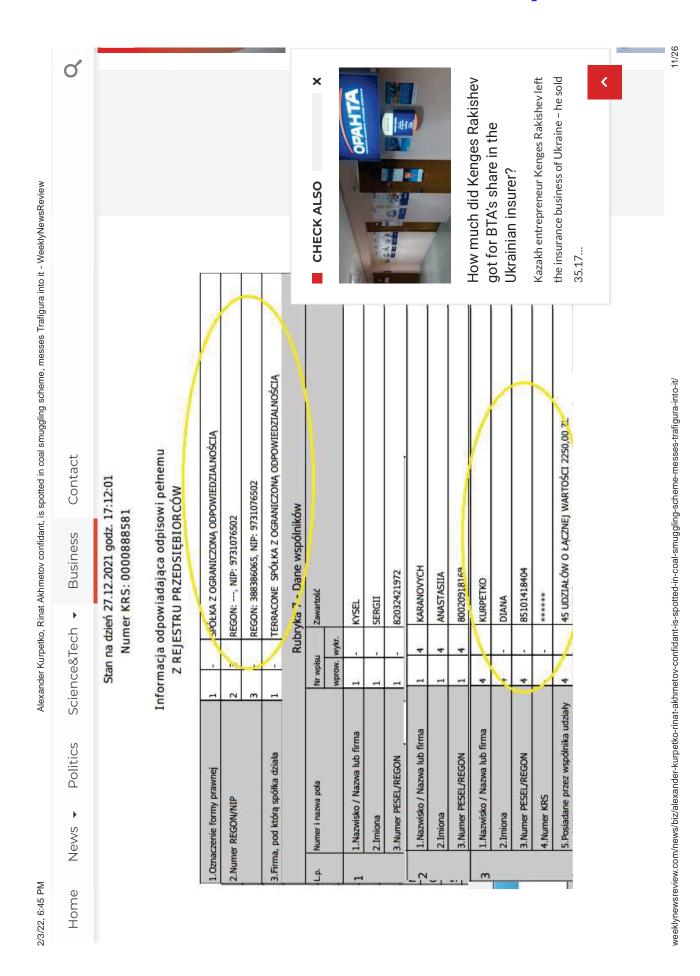


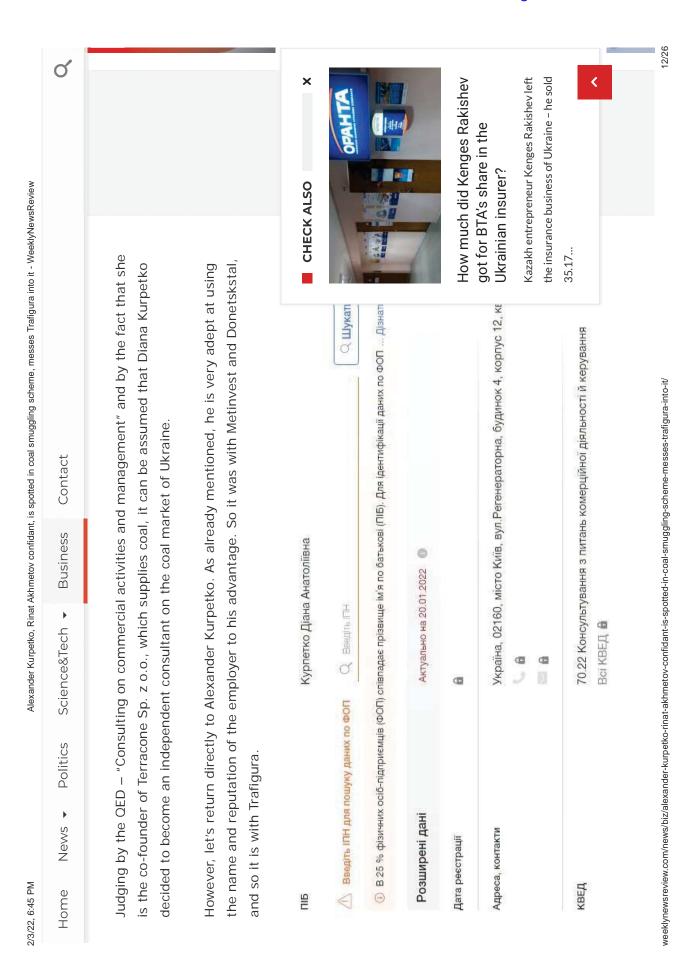


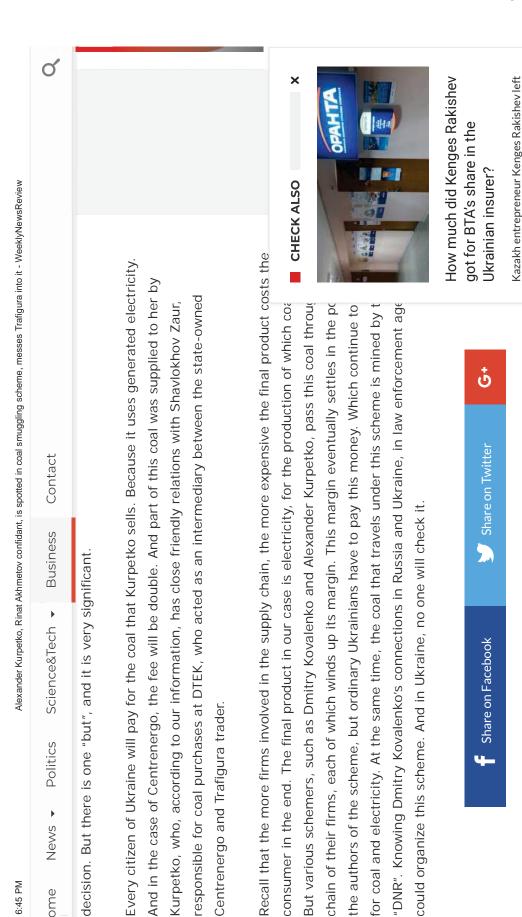




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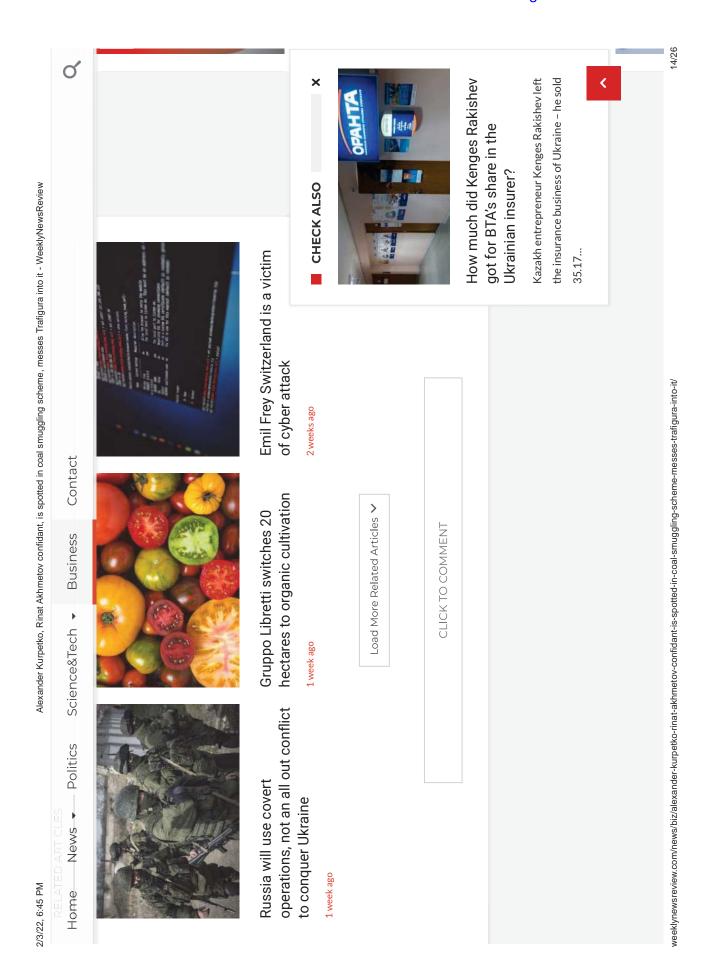
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Between:

DMYTRO (DMITRY) KOVALENKO Ukrainian Passport No FF280664 24ET R.24.02 TOUR ODEON, 34 AVENUE DE L'ANNONCIADE, 98000 MONACO

Claimant

and

DANESCO TRADING LIMITED Resident Company Registration No 331166 JOHN KENNEDY, IRIS HOUSE, FLOOR 7, APT./OFFICE 740B, 3106, LIMASSOL Defendant

Upon an Application without notice by Messrs. D. HADJINESTOROS & CO L.L.C., advocates for the Claimant/Applicant and upon reading the Sworn Statement submitted in support of this Application and after a guarantee of €50.000 was paid through the authorised attorney of the Claimant/Applicant, Mr. Evripides Hadjinestoros, for any damages and expenses that the Defendant may incur from the issuance of the order,

This Court HEREBY ORDERS THAT:

A. An Interim (Temporary) Order is issued and is hereby issued by which the Defendant is ordered to delete the publication of the below article from the website found at the electronic address http://weeklynewsreview.com/ and the electronic address http://weeklynewsreview.com/news/biz/alexander-kurpetko-rinat-akhmetov-confidant-is-spotted-in-coal-smuggling-scheme-messes-trafigura-into-it/ and from any other website and online medium under its direction and/or its control and/or its ownership, in which it has published it, until the final hearing of the action and/or until a new order of the Court.

"Alexander Kurpetko, Rinat Akhmetov confidant, is spotted in coal smuggling scheme, messes Trafigura into it"

"The company of businessman Alexander Kurpetko, who worked for the oligarch Rinat Akhmetov, is engaged in illegal coal supplies, hiding behind international traders. The journalists found out about this after investigating the fuel supply scheme to Ukraine.

The key players in the heat generation market of Ukraine, which accounts for up to 30% of the energy produced, are three companies: Rinat Akhmetov's DTEK, Maxim Efimov and Eduard Bondarenko's Donbasenergo, and the state-owned Centrenergo.

For a stable passage of the heating season, PJSC Centrenergo needs 3.5 million tons of coal. As Vladimir Galushchak, a member of the directorate, stated at the beginning of the season, 2 million tons should be supplied by state mines, and the rest will have to be imported. For this purpose, last summer we [PJSC Centrenergo] signed contracts for the import of coal from Poland and the USA through the international trader Trafigura. The sum of these contracts amounted to UAH 1.5 billion! DTEK also uses the services of a trader, which needs to import about 1 million tons of coal.

Cooperation between Rinat Akhmetov and the state is so close here that they divided the first batch of 75 thousand tons of coal bought by a trader from the USA in half. Purchases continue, ships with coal go to Ukraine regularly.

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In addition to coal, there is another link between DTEK, Centrenergo and Trafigura – Alexander Kurpetko, who previously managed coal purchases for Akhmetov's Metinvest Holding. Before that, he was responsible for this in the Donetskstal association, and now he is the representative of Trafigura in Ukraine. Back in 2019, in parallel with his main work, Kurpitko founded the firm Azurit DWC-LLC, which is also engaged in trading in the coal market. The company was prudently registered in Dubai, UAE, in the "free zone". Working at Metinvest Holding, Alexander Kurpetko was actually engaged in his own business. To what extent Azurit DWC-LLC is used by Kurpetko in the procurement of coal by Trafigura for Centrenergo now is not reliably known.

However, according to unconfirmed information, "kickbacks" received by Kurpetko and his superior Sergey Chernovolenko from Trafigura clients are accumulating here.

It turned out that there are three other firms that are also engaged in coal trading. Thus, it turns out that, using the Trafigura trademark and connections, Kurpetko runs his own coal business. His main partner in Ukraine is Dmitry Kovalenko, an "old-timer of the coal market" of the country.

Actually, in fact, there are more firms, but it is reliably known about three companies of these partners: Coaltraydindustry LLC, Intercoaltrading LLC and Terracone Sp. z o.o. (Poland), concerning which there are documentary confirmations on coal purchases.

The Severodonetsk Coaltreydindustry is registered to the front founder Evgeny Klimenko.

This company, like a number of other Ukrainian and foreign companies, is part of the orbit of Dmitry Kovalenko, a native of Donbass, who, with the help of corrupt Russian and Ukrainian officials, supplies coal to Ukraine under the "interrupted transit" scheme

Here are the names of several of Kovalenko's companies involved now or in the past in his schemes:

I-coal,
Bremer Trading Limited,
Korner LP,
Zeades Limited,
LLC "INTERTRADING GROUP",
LLC "INTERTRADING SYSTEMS",
LLC "RIZALT",
LLC "INTERCOLTRADING",
LLC "INTERTRADING GROUP S.A."

All the companies are registered to authorized persons and in fact belong to Dmitry Kovalenko. Exports are processed to Moldova, Poland, Romania, Spain and Switzerland, but in fact all wagons are unloaded in Ukraine. Here is an example of the activity of Coaltreydindustry LLC:

25 coal wagons weighing 1,701 tons 600 kg were allegedly delivered by the Polish Terracone Sp. z o.o. to the Ukrainian Coaltraydindustry LLC. The origin of coal at the same time is Novokuznetsk. This delivery is not an isolated one. Almost 680 tons of coal "left" Poland for Ukraine in the same way on January 1, 2022. The country of origin is Russia. In both cases, the buyer is LLC "Intercoaltrading" from Dnipro.

It is in this city that all offices and employees of Kovalenko have their actual location.

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This LLC is also included in the orbit of Dmitry Kovalenko, the director and founder are the same figureheads as in the previous case. But what is this Terraco Sp. z o.o., which supplies coal from Poland to various Ukrainian companies with similar names? Here is an excerpt from the registry.

As of December 27, 2021, the founders of Terraco Sp. z o.o. were three people: Sergey Kisel, Anastasia Karanovich and Diana Kurpetko. It's a familiar name, isn't it? It can also be found in Ukrainian registries.

The coincidence is not accidental, Diana Kurpetko is the wife of Alexander Kurpetko and in 2021 decided to follow in her husband's footsteps by registering as an entrepreneur.

Judging by the QED – "Consulting on commercial activities and management" and by the fact that she is the co-founder of Terracone Sp. z o.o., which supplies coal, it can be assumed that Diana Kurpetko decided to become an independent consultant on the coal market of Ukraine.

However, let's return directly to Alexander Kurpetko. As already mentioned, he is very adept at using the name and reputation of the employer to his advantage. So it was with Metinvest and Donetskstal, and so it is with Trafigura.

In principle, there would be nothing terrible – these are private firms, let their owners deal with it. If it is acceptable for them that part of the money goes into the pockets of an employee, then this is their decision. But there is one "but", and it is very significant.

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The orders are set returnable on 23/06/22 at 9:30 a.m. The orders remain in effect until then.

The costs are reserved.

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Тема: Claim to refute unreliable information defaming the honour, dignity and business reputation

Дата: 29 января 2022 г., 18:10 **Кому:** warsaw@mail-on.us

To: Editor-in-chief - Mateusz Michalski

Leading editor - Bogumił Symanski

From: authorized representative of Mr. Dmitry Kovalenko

Regarding the demand for the immediate removal of the article posted on the site - Warsaw Point (website link http://warsawpoint.com/economics/27714-alexander-kurpetko-from-rinat-akhmetov-circle-uses-trafigura-trader-to-cover-counterfeit-coal-trade.html) due to the fact that it contains untrue and false information

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The authors of this article are journalists from the website - 368.media (link to said article:

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We officially declare, that the information placed in the above-mentioned article regarding Mr. Dmitry Kovalenko and all mentioned companies does not correspond to reality completely, is false and far-fetched, and discredits honour, dignity and business reputation of Mr. Dmitry Kovalenko. In his business activity, he strictly complies with applicable Ukrainian and international law. In relation to Mr. Dmitry Kovalenko and all mentioned companies there is no effective criminal case (proceedings) in which the fact of his violation of applicable Ukrainian legislation in carrying out his activities, in particular in the sale of coal products on the territory of Ukraine, was established and proven by appropriate evidence.

We have already lodged a complaint with the editor and journalists of website - 368.media in respect of this article and demanded to delete it immediately. Please note that as of today this article has been removed from the site, which you can check by clicking on the following link: https://368.media/2022/01/27/biznesmen-prikryvaetsya-mezhdunarodnoj-firmoj-dlya-legalizatsii-postavok-uglya-v-ukrainu/?fbclid=lwAR3H2WohqlKmhEEbO9byxy7glylcWaNBJKNpdo-KmhYR6Gm8AQ0HoRmFdtE
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Pope that our complaint will be dealt with as soon as possible and that the article will be removed from your website immediately.

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Your prompt feedback would be highly appreciated.

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authorized representative of Mr. Dmitry Kovalenko

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- 3. The article is defamatory of our client. It suggests that our client is involved in illegal schemes to ship coal into Ukraine out of the so-called Donetsk People's Republic, and could illegally influence state officials to organise such schemes. This is untrue and tends to damage our client's reputation.
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Attorney and Counsellor-at-Law, New York

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ANNEX 1

<u>DISTRICT COURT OF LIMASSOL</u> BEFORE: M. AYIOMAMITES, S.D.J.

Case number: 674/2022 ijustic

Between:

DMYTRO (DMITRY) KOVALENKO Ukrainian Passport No FF280664 24ET R.24.02 TOUR ODEON, 34 AVENUE DE L'ANNONCIADE, 98000 MONACO

Claimant

and

DANESCO TRADING LIMITED Resident Company Registration No 331166 JOHN KENNEDY, IRIS HOUSE, FLOOR 7, APT./OFFICE 740B, 3106, LIMASSOL Defendant

Upon an Application without notice by Messrs. D. HADJINESTOROS & CO L.L.C., advocates for the Claimant/Applicant and upon reading the Sworn Statement submitted in support of this Application and after a guarantee of €50.000 was paid through the authorised attorney of the Claimant/Applicant, Mr. Evripides Hadjinestoros, for any damages and expenses that the Defendant may incur from the issuance of the order.

This Court HEREBY ORDERS THAT:

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The orders are set returnable on 23/06/22 at 9:30 a.m. The orders remain in effect until then.

The costs are reserved.

ISSUED ON: 02.06.2022 and 09.06.2022

DRAFTED ON: 17.06.2022

(Sgn.) M. AYIOMAMITES, S.D.J.

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ENDORSEMENT: If you the above Defendant — DANESCO TRADING LIMITED and/or your employees and/or your servants and/or your representatives, fail to comply with this order, immediately, you are subject to arrest and your property is subject to confiscation.

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Τα έξοδα επιφυλάσσονται.

ΕΚΔΟΘΗΚΕ ΤΗΝ:

02.06.2022 kgi 09.06.2022 **ΣΥΝΤΑΧΘΗΚΕ ΤΗΝ: 17.06.2022**

(Υπ.) Μ. ΑΓΙΟΜΑΜΙΤΗΣ, Α.Ε.Δ.

ΠΙΣΤΟΝ ΑΝΤΙΓΡΑΦΟ

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Geneva, 26 September 2022

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Dear Sirs,

DEFAMATORY MATERIAL AT http://warsawpoint.com/economics/27714-alexander-kurpetko-from-rinat-akhmetov-circle-uses-trafigura-trader-to-cover-counterfeit-coal-trade.html

- 1. We act as international legal counsel for Mr Dmytro Kovalenko (also known as Dmitry / Dmitriy Kovalenko, Дмитрий Коваленко in Russian, Дмитро Коваленко in Ukrainian).
- 2. We refer to the below article mentioning our client published at the above web-page (the "Article"). We understand that the above web-page is hosted by yourself.
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Naomi D. Johnson

From:

Cliff Joshua (Epik) <support@epik.com>

Sent:

Monday, September 26, 2022 12:46 PM

To:

Moldoshev Erlan

Subject:

[Epik] Re: Hosting Service Abuse - Defamation

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We've marked this ticket (#249390) as resolved. Not yet? No worries. Just

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Sep 26, 2022, 12:46 PDT

Dear Moldoshev Erlan,

Thank you for reaching out to Epik, we hope you're well.

Unfortunately our Support team does not handle Abuse Complaints through tickets, chat or phone. All abuse complaints/reports need to take place through our formal abuse channel, which is abuse.epik.com. If you're contacting us regarding Registrant Data, UDRP or are Law Enforcement, please email abuse@epik.com and our team will be in touch.

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Thank you!

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Sep 26, 2022, 12:26 PDT

Dear Sirs,

Please see the attached letter and its exhibit.

Kind regards,

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Issue: Abuse

This email is a service from Epik. Delivered by **Zendesk**

From: Derek Linke <Linke@newmanlaw.com>
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2022 2:03 PM

To: Jeff Edelson <jeffedelson@markowitzherbold.com> **Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]RE: Kovalenko v. Epik Holdings

Jeff,

Thanks for this. My clients decline the request to voluntarily provide identifying information on an informal basis and believe that they may be prohibited from doing so.

However, I would be authorized to accept email service of on their behalf of a duly-issued SDT directed at Epik Holdings, Inc. or Anonymize, Inc. I note "duly issued" because discovery hasn't yet opened in the case. Any purported subpoena sent prior to the opening of discovery or which is not otherwise authorized by the Court is not enforceable.

Thanks. Please let me know if you would like to discuss.

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28 September 2022 /ID468960

Adelon AG / BS ENERGY Group Compliance Check

Dear Messrs. Zuber and Zamasz

Our law firm represents the interests of Mr. Dmitry Kovalenko. Mr. Kovalenko is the beneficial owner of Adelon AG, CH-6340 Baar.

Our client has informed us that BS ENERGY Group, due to the result of a compliance check, wants to refrain from entering into a business relationship with Adelon AG. Mr. Kovalenko is very concerned about this decision and thinks that it has been taken based on false and defamatory information about him circulating in the internet.

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Polska Grupa Importowa Sp. z o.o. / Grupa Azoty S.A. Compliance Check

Dear Ms. Hosaja

Our law firm represents the interests of Mr. Dmitry Kovalenko. Mr. Kovalenko is the beneficial owner of Polska Grupa Importowa Premium Sp. z o.o., 40-009 Katowice.

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Polska Grupa Importowa Premium Sp. z o.o. / OT Logistics S.A. Compliance Check

Dear Messrs. Jedynak and Przyszlak

Our law firm represents the interests of Mr. Dmitry Kovalenko. Mr. Kovalenko is the beneficial owner of Polska Grupa Importowa Premium Sp. z o.o., 40-009 Katowice.

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- 5. Our client then instructed Cyprus lawyers, i.e. D. Hadjnestoros & Co L.L.C., Limassol, to apply for an interim injunction against Danesco Trading Limited, Limassol. The district court of Limassol, in June 2022, followed our client's request and issued an injunction ordering that the Post published by www.weeklynewsreview.com be deleted (Enclosure 2). The order likewise requires that the Post be deleted from any other website in which the Post has been published, which are in any way linked to Danesco Trading Limited.

In compliance with the court order, www.weeklynewsreview.com <u>deleted the Post</u> from its website.

6. Apart from www.weeklynewsreview.com, the Post was also published on a number of other websites. A number of resources have simply copy-pasted the Post from www.weeklynewsreview.com. Others have published the Post in other languages.

The Post, amongst others, is published at warsawpoint.com/economics/27714-alexander-kurpetko-from-rinat-akhmetov-circle-uses-trafigura-trader-to-cover-counterfeit-coal-trade.html. By letter of 23 September 2022, Fortior Law S.A. requested warsawpoint's IP-Provider (Epik Holdings Inc.) to remove the Post or the entire webpage (Enclosure 3).

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Further, Fortior Law S.A., by letter of 23 September 2022, requested Google as a matter of urgency to remove from Google search results the numerous remaining links leading to the Post (Enclosure 4).

Against this background Mr. Kovalenko kindly asks you to re-consider your decision and verify the result of the compliance check.

Mr. Kovalenko is willing to answer any question you might have in connection with the compliance check.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Dmitry Kovalenko

ATTORNEY CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

DECLARATÍON OF DMYTRO KOVAÍ	2022, I have made service of the foregoing LENKO IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S CTION AND TEMPORARY RESTRAINING
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DATED this 7th day of December, 2022.	
	s/ Jeffrey M. Edelson
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